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British Medical Association

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING—EDINBURGH, JULY 16-20, 1959

JOINT ANNUAL MEETING WITH CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EDINBURGH, JULY 18-24, 1959

JOINT ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING—EDINBURGH, JULY 20-24, 1959

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The 127th Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in the McEwan Hall, Edinburgh University, on Thursday, July 16, 1959, and will continue on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, July 17, 18, and 20.

The Joint Annual Meeting with the Canadian Medical Association will be held from Saturday, July 18, to Friday, July 24, inclusive. The Joint Annual Scientific Meeting will be held from Monday, July 20, to Friday, July 24, inclusive.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 15, there will be a welcome party for Representatives and their Ladies, arranged by the City of Edinburgh Division, to be held in the Assembly Club, George Street.

A combined Dinner for Representatives and their Ladies will take place at the Assembly Club on Thursday, July 16, followed by a Dance.

The Association will welcome the members of the Canadian Medical Association and their Ladies at an evening Reception to be held in the Corn Market on Saturday, July 18.

The official Religious Service will be held in St. Giles' Cathedral on Sunday, July 19, at 3.30 p.m. There will also be a Roman Catholic Service.

On Sunday, July 19, there will be a choice of all-day tours to the country and also afternoon excursions and tours of the city. In the evening a concert will be given in the Usher Hall by the B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.

An Adjourned Annual General Meeting will take place in the Usher Hall on the evening of Monday, July 20.

The Annual Dinner, at which the Canadian visitors will be the guests of the Association, will be held in the Waverley Market on Tuesday, July 21.

The Annual Breakfast of the Christian Medical Fellowship will be held in the North British Hotel on Tuesday, July 21, at 8.15 a.m.

There will be an Overseas Conference and Luncheon.

Special visits and excursions to places of interest are being arranged for ladies accompanying members of both Associations.

Arrangements for the usual Golf Competitions are being made.

The Reception Bureau for Registration of members of the B.M.A. will be open in the Entrance Hall of the Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place, on Monday, July 20, at 9 a.m. Members of the Canadian Medical Association will register at the Assembly Club.

Two Plenary Scientific Sessions will be held in the McEwan Hall, Edinburgh University, one on Wednesday morning, July 22, and the other on Friday morning, July 24. A General Session will be held on the morning of Thursday, July 23.

In addition Round-table Conferences will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 22, 23, and 24, in Adam House, Chambers Street.

Details of some of the Scientific Sections which will hold meetings are given below. Arrangements for some Sections are not yet complete, but these will be published later.

Both the Scientific Exhibition and the Annual Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications will be held in the Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place, where there will also be an Exhibition of Art by Medical men. There will be a Historical Exhibition in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street.

On each day of the Scientific Meeting there will be a programme of surgical operations and clinical demonstrations from the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, shown by colour television on a closed circuit to two studios, one in the Infirmary itself and the other at the Edinburgh College of Art. Details of the programme will be published at a later date. The technical arrangements are sponsored by Smith Kline and French Laboratories Ltd.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The following is a list of hotel accommodation (exclusive of that reserved for members of the C.M.A.) reserved for B.M.A. members attending the Meeting. Members wishing to book accommodation are asked to write direct to the hotel, *stating that they are attending the B.M.A. Meeting.* The prices given are the tariffs ruling at the moment and are subject to alteration without notice. The Association therefore cannot accept responsibility for any of the prices stated below, and applicants should verify the tariffs when making their reservations. Early application is recommended.

Hotel	Single	Twin	Double	Total Persons	1958 Tariff B B
*Braid Hills Hotel, Edinburgh, 10 (Edinburgh 54748)	4	2	—	8	35/-
*Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh, 2 (CALedonian 2433)	5	30	—	65	45/-
Clarendon House Hotel, 42, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh, 9 (Edinburgh 45050)	—	2	2 1 (+S)	11	21/-
Cockburn Hotel, Market Street, Edinburgh, 1 (Edinburgh 30092)	—	5	5	20	24/6
Ettrick Hotel, 13, Ettrick Road, Edinburgh, 10 (FOUntainbridge 3955)	3	6	3	21	18/6
*George Hotel, George Street, Edinburgh, 2 (CALedonian 1251)	3	3	—	9	45/-
Glentalla Private Hotel, 10, Suffolk Road, Edinburgh, 9 (Edinburgh 45315)	4	—	2 (3S) 2 (4S)	18	16/6
*Grosvenor Hotel, 9/25, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh, 12 (CALedonian 5255)	—	2	3	10	25/6
*Palace Hotel, 1, Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2 (CALedonian 6365)	3	2	—	7	25/-
Palmerston Private Hotel, 56, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, 12 (Edinburgh 33755)	2	1	2 1 (D+S)	11	22/6
Pentland Hills Private Hotel, Camus Avenue, Edinburgh, 10 (FAIrmilehead 1001)	2	2	2	10	18/6
Pirie's Hotel, 6, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 12 (Edinburgh 62381)	3	2	2	11	18/6
*Queen Hotel, St. Colme Street, Edinburgh, 3 (CALedonian 1007)	2	5	—	12	32/-
*Royal Hotel, 53, Princes Street, Edinburgh, 2 (CALedonian 7161)	2	2	2	10	27/6
*Royal British Hotel, 20, Princes Street, Edinburgh, 2 (WAVerley 4901)	—	—	2 2 (D+S)	10	35/-
Royal Stuart Hotel, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 3 (WAVerley 1871)	13	5	3	29	21/-
Shelbourne Hotel, Hart Street, Edinburgh, 1 (WAVerley 2345)	11	3	4	25	23/6
Suttie's Hotel, 20, South Bridge, Edinburgh, 1 (WAVerley 1075)	6	3	7	26	20/-
*Royal Abbey Hotel, 4, Carlton Terrace, Edinburgh, 7 (WAVerley 1189)	4	10	—	24	18/6

* Licensed.

Further reservations have also been made in smaller hotels, University hostels, and private houses where Edinburgh Festival visitors are accommodated. Should members prefer this type of accommodation they are asked to apply to the *Local General Secretary, B.M.A. Scottish Office, 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, 3,* giving details of their requirements.

CARAVAN PARK

Arrangements are being made to reserve sites for members who wish to bring their caravans to Edinburgh during the Annual Representative Meeting and/or the Joint Annual Meeting. Applications for space should be made as soon as possible to the Local General Secretary, B.M.A. Scottish House, 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, 3.

TICKETS

No tickets for functions and excursions can be issued in advance, with the exception of the Annual Dinner (details of which are given below).

All tickets for functions up to Sunday, July 19, will be available for Representatives at the A.R.M. Inquiry Office, McEwan Hall, Edinburgh University, on July 15, 16, 17, and 18, and for ladies at the Assembly Club, George Street.

Tickets for all other functions and excursions after Sunday, July 19, will be available from Monday, July 20, at the Assembly Club.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will take place on Tuesday, July 22, in the Waverley Market, Princes Street. Arrangements for advance booking will be announced later.

GRADUATES' DINNERS

Details of arrangements for the various Graduates' Dinners will be announced later. It is anticipated, however, that the following Graduates will hold Dinners on Friday, July 17: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Welsh, and Irish.

ASSEMBLY CLUB

In view of the large numbers who will be attending the Joint Annual Meeting, it has been decided not to have a separate Ladies' Club but to have a general Club in the Music Hall and Assembly Rooms, George Street, during both the Annual Representative Meeting and the Joint Annual Meeting.

The Club will be open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. from Thursday, July 16. All ladies accompanying B.M.A. members and *all* the Canadian visitors will register at the Club.

Tickets for functions, tours, and excursions will be issued at the Club and there will be a general Information Bureau.

Fully licensed catering facilities will be available at the Club, which will provide morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner. It is hoped to make the Club the focal point of all the social activities connected with the Meetings, and it is proposed to have dancing there each evening during the Joint Meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT OF LADIES ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS

A very full programme is being arranged for the entertainment of the ladies accompanying both B.M.A. and C.M.A. members. Details of the actual programme will be published later. It is planned to have daily excursions to places of interest both in Edinburgh and in the surrounding countryside. It it also hoped to arrange visits to various industries and factories which should be of interest to the visitors. A mannequin show of Scottish tweeds and woollens is to be held in the Club on the morning of Tuesday, July 21.

ENTERTAINMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

As it is known that many young Canadians are accompanying their parents to the Joint Annual Meeting, special arrangements are being made for their entertainment.

FAREWELL TO MEMBERS OF THE C.M.A.

It is planned to hold a farewell party for the Canadian visitors in the Club on the evening of Friday, July 24.

MEDICAL ART EXHIBITION

From July 20 to 24 there will be an exhibition of paintings by Members of the British and Canadian Medical Associations. By courtesy of the governors and principal of the Edinburgh College of Art this exhibition will be held in the Andrew Grant Gallery of the College throughout the Meeting. Accepted work will be limited to approximately 150 exhibits, and should be either oil or water-colour paintings. A prize has been offered for the most outstanding exhibit. Members who wish to exhibit examples of their work on this occasion are invited, in the first instance, to communicate with Professor B. G. MAEGRAITH, School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool, Pembroke Place, Liverpool, 3; Dr. A. M. RACKOW, Cleve Cottage, Hawk's Hill, Leatherhead, Surrey; or Professor D. E. C. MEKIE, Royal College of Surgeons, 18, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, 8.

SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITION

The closing date for entries for the Scientific Exhibition, which will be held in Edinburgh from July 20 to 24, is *December 31, 1958*. Application forms for space at the exhibition are obtainable from the Secretary of the B.M.A.

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

Accommodation on trains and on aircraft between London and Edinburgh during July is booked at a very early date. It is advisable to make reservations as soon as possible.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING, JULY 20–24

It should be noted that this programme is provisional and subject to alteration. All Scientific Meetings will be held in University premises.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Wednesday, July 22, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (McEwan Hall): "Trends in Modern Medicine"

Chairman: Dr. NORMAN H. GOSSE (Halifax, N.S.).

Speakers: Dr. ANDREW J. RHODES (Toronto), Dr. K. J. R. WIGHTMAN (Toronto), Dr. C. GORDON STEWART (Deep River, Ontario), Dr. R. O. JONES (Halifax, N.S.).

Friday, July 24, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (McEwan Hall): "Problems of an Ageing Population"

Chairman: Professor A. P. THOMSON (Birmingham).

Speakers: Professor P. L. KROHN (Birmingham), Dr. J. H. SHELDON (Wolverhampton), Professor M. ROTH (Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. W. F. ANDERSON (Glasgow), Dr. T. N. RUDD (Southampton).

GENERAL SESSION

A General Session will be held in the McEwan Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23.

Chairman: Dr. R. F. FARQUHARSON (Toronto).

Speakers: Dr. CHARLES BEST (Toronto), Diabetes Mellitus since Insulin; Dr. LLOYD G. STEVENSON (Montreal), The Contribution of Edinburgh University to Medical Education in Canada; Lord COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD, The Present Status of Collagen Disease; Professor JOHN BRUCE (Edinburgh), Some Reflections on the Treatment of Breast Cancer.

ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCES

Twelve Round-table Conferences will be held in Adam House from 9 to 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 22, 23, and 24.

SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS

SECTION OF MEDICINE

Joint Presidents: Professor R. F. FARQUHARSON, M.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.A.C.P.(C.) (Toronto); Professor D. M. DUNLOP, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed., F.R.S.Ed. (Edinburgh).

Joint Vice-Presidents: J. R. LEMIEUX, M.D. (Quebec); Professor Sir GEORGE PICKERING, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Oxford); Professor A. KEKWICK, M.A., F.R.C.P. (London).

Hon. Secretaries: W. I. CARD, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Edinburgh); J. BISHOP HARMAN, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. (London).

Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 1st Floor. Diet and Atherosclerosis.

Wednesday, July 22.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 1st Floor. Health Education of the Patient.

Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 1st Floor. Series of short papers.

Friday, July 24.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 1st Floor. Abnormalities of Adrenal Cortical Secretion.

SECTION OF SURGERY

Joint Presidents: Professor JACQUES BRUNEAU, M.D. (Montreal); Professor C. F. W. ILLINGWORTH, C.B.E., M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.F.P.S. (Glasgow).

Joint Vice-Presidents: Professor WALTER C. MACKENZIE, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S.(C.) (Edmonton, Alberta); B. N. BROOKE, M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. (Birmingham); A. GOUREVITCH, *M.C.*, F.R.C.S. (Birmingham); T. McW. MILLAR, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Edinburgh); IAN ORR, O.B.E., M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Preston).

Hon. Secretaries: C. W. A. FALCONER, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Edinburgh); SELWYN TAYLOR, B.M., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. (London).

Monday, July 20.—Morning, Adam House, 2nd Floor. *Symposium:* Diseases of the Small Intestine, Dr. W. I. CARD (Edinburgh), Professor DREW KAY (Sheffield). *Short Papers:* Treatment of Tumours of Salivary Glands, Dr. ERIC M. NANSON (Saskatoon); The Value of Electrogastrography, Dr. H. S. MORTON (Montreal).

Wednesday, July 22.—Morning, Adam House, 2nd Floor. *Symposium:* Prevention and Treatment of Hand Injuries, Professor J. H. F. BROTHERSTON (Edinburgh), Mr. R. G. PULVERTAFT (Derby). *Short Papers:* The Facial Smash in Automobile Accidents, Dr. F. M. WOOLHOUSE (Montreal); A Method of Treatment of Compound Fractures of the Lower Limb, Dr. V. O. MADER (Halifax, N.S.).

Friday, July 24.—Morning, Adam House, 2nd Floor. *Symposium:* Reappraisal of Indications for Operation in Sigmoid Diverticulitis, Dr. WALTER C. MACKENZIE (Edmonton, Alberta), Mr. T. McW. MILLAR (Edinburgh). *Short Papers:* Problems Involved in Resection of the Liver, Mr. RODNEY SMITH (London), Dr. SHEILA SHERLOCK (London); Surgical Management of Diabetic Foot, Dr. ANGUS D. McLACHLIN (London, Ontario).

SECTION OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

Joint Presidents: W. G. COSBIE, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C.), F.R.C.O.G. (Toronto); JOHN PEEL, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. (London).

Joint Vice-Presidents: Professor ELINOR F. E. BLACK, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C.), F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. (Winnipeg); E. A. GERRARD, V.R.D., M.D., F.R.C.O.G. (Manchester); Professor R. J. KELLAR, M.B.E., F.R.C.P.Ed., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G. (Edinburgh).

Hon Secretaries: Professor A. S. DUNCAN, D.S.C., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G. (Cardiff); J. STURROCK, F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G. (Edinburgh).

Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 3rd Floor. Anaesthesia for Obstetrical Manœuvres and Operations, Professor IAN MORRIS (Manchester), Dr. W. D. WYLIE (London).

Tuesday, July 21.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 2nd Floor. Management of the Third Stage of Labour and Its Complications, Mr. DONALD B. FRASER (London), Dr. J. K. FEENEY (Dublin), Dr. C. W. WALKER (Cambridge).

Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 3rd Floor. Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding, Dr. ARTHUR SUTHERLAND (Glasgow), Dr. T. N. MACGREGOR (Edinburgh). The Contribution Made by Maternal Mortality Study Committees, speaker to be announced later. The Problem of Prematurity, speakers to be announced later. The Early Diagnosis of Cancer in the Female Reproductive Organs, Dr. W. G. COSBIE (Toronto).

SECTION OF ANAESTHETICS

Joint Presidents: R. A. GORDON, M.D., F.R.C.P.(C.), F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A., F.A.C.A. (Toronto); JOHN GILLIES, C.V.O., *M.C.*, F.R.C.P.Ed., F.R.C.S., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A. (Edinburgh).

Joint Vice-Presidents: M. W. BOWERING, M.D. (Regina); H. R. YOUNGMAN, M.D., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A. (Cambridge).

Hon. Secretaries: JAMES D. ROBERTSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A. (Edinburgh); W. N. ROLLASON, M.B., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A. (Hull).

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21 and 22.—2.30 p.m. King's Buildings, Chemistry Lecture Room. Observations on the Combined Use of Hypotension and Hypothermia in the Dog, Dr. S. L. VANDERWATER (Toronto). The Physiology of the Cardiac Sphincter—Anaesthetic Implications, Dr. J. G. ROBSON (Montreal). Epidural Anaesthesia for Lumbar Spine Fusion and Laminectomy, Dr. DONALD MATHESON (Vancouver). Paper by Dr. ALAN B. NOBLE (Montreal). New Methods of the Analysis of Respired Gases, Dr. R. WOOLMER (London). Spreading it Thinner, Professor E. A. PASK (Newcastle upon Tyne). Role of the Anaesthetist in the Conservative Care of Head Injuries, Dr. A. R. HUNTER (Manchester). Avoidance of Hypoxia in Anaesthesia for Ambulatory Dental and Casualty Type of Operations, Dr. ARTHUR TOM (Cheltenham). Investigations into Rhythmicity of Electrical Output of the Human Cortex During Very Light Anaesthesia, Dr. J. CLUTTON-BROCK (Bristol). Paper by Dr. G. S. W. ORGANE (London).

SECTION OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Joint Presidents: Professor J. C. B. GRANT, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Toronto); Professor R. WALMSLEY, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. (St. Andrews).

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Hon. Secretaries: G. R. HERVEY, M.B., Ch.B. (Sheffield); J. B. KING, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., F.F.R. (Edinburgh).

Tuesday, July 21.—2.30 p.m. University West Lecture Theatre. The Regulation of Blood Calcium, Professor HAROLD COPP (University of British Columbia). Paper by Professor J. W. A. DUCKWORTH (Toronto). Anatomy of the Newborn, Professor ROBERT WALMSLEY (St. Andrews). Details of further subjects will be published later.

SECTION OF CARDIOLOGY

Joint Presidents: H. N. SEGALL, M.D., F.A.C.P. (Montreal); A. RAE GILCHRIST, M.D., F.R.C.P., P.R.C.P.Ed. (Edinburgh).

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Hon. Secretaries: FRANCES V. GARDNER, M.B., F.R.C.P. (London); R. M. MARQUIS, M.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Edinburgh).

Tuesday, July 21.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 3rd Floor. *Symposium* on Coronary Artery Disease. Chairman, Dr. EVAN BEDFORD (London). Differential Diagnosis of Angina Pectoris, Dr. A. RAE GILCHRIST (Edinburgh); Errors of Electrocardiographic Interpretation, Dr. HUGH STANSFIELD (Vancouver); Diet in Prevention and Treatment, Professor W. F. CONNELL (Ontario); Panel discussion. *Short communications:* The Need for Surgical Closure of V.S.D. in Infancy, speaker to be announced later; Lung Changes (*X*-ray) in Heart Disease, Dr. PETER KERLEY (London). Discussion.

Wednesday, July 22.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 3rd Floor. The Treatment of Hypertension, Chairman Dr. JACQUES GENEST (Montreal); Panel: Professor MAX ROSENHEIM (London), Professor Sir GEORGE PICKERING (Oxford), Professor E. PATON (London), Dr. J. A. LEWIS (London, Ontario). Presentation of Problem Cases, Chairman, Dr. A. RAE GILCHRIST (Edinburgh); Panel: Dr. R. W. D. TURNER (Edinburgh), Professor I. G. W. HILL (Dundee), Dr. PAUL WOOD (London), Dr. A. J. KERWIN (Toronto), Dr. H. N. SEGALL (Montreal), Dr. JACK MERRIMAN (Saskatoon).

SECTION OF CHEST DISEASES

Joint Presidents: Professor J. D. ADAMSON, M.D., M.R.C.P.Ed., F.R.C.P.(C.) (Winnipeg); Sir RUSSELL BROCK, M.S., F.R.C.S. (London).

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Hon. Secretaries: I. W. B. GRANT, M.B., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Edinburgh); MAXWELL TELLING, D.M., F.R.C.P. (Leeds).

Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. King's Buildings Zoology Lecture Room. *The Management of Chest Infections*, introduction by Professor JOHN CROFTON (Edinburgh); The Treatment of Pneumonia, speaker to be announced later; The Management of Bronchitis, Dr. BRIAN TAYLOR (Birmingham); The Problem of Anoxia in Chest Infections, Dr. THOMAS SIMPSON (London); The Management of Empyema, Professor F. G. KERGIN (Toronto).

Friday, July 24.—2.30 p.m., King's Buildings, Zoology Lecture Room. Sarcoidosis, Dr. ADRIAN ANGLIN (Toronto). The Epidemiological Aspects of Lung Cancer, Dr. C. R. LOWE (Birmingham). The Present Position of the Surgical Treatment of Bronchiectasis, Mr. R. J. M. MCCORMACK (Edinburgh). Chronic Cough and Carcinoma of the Lung, Professor J. D. ADAMSON (Winnipeg).

SECTION OF CHILD HEALTH

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Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. King's Buildings Zoology Lecture Room. Neonatal Hyperbilirubinaemia, Dr. A. E. CLAIREAUX (London), Dr. WILLIAM WALKER (Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. J. P. BOUND (Blackpool). *Occasional Papers:* A Reappraisal of School Health Examinations, Professor HARRY MEDOVY (Winnipeg); The Prognosis of Asthma in Children, Dr. C. COLLINS WILLIAMS (Toronto).

Wednesday, July 22.—2.30 p.m. King's Buildings Zoology Lecture Room. Staphylococcal Infection in Newborn Infants, Dr. J. O. FORFAR (Edinburgh), Dr. F. J. W. MILLER (Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. ISABELLA FORSHALL (Liverpool). The Diagnosis and Management of Speech Disorders in Childhood, Miss EDITH WHETNALL (London), Dr. T. T. S. INGRAM (Edinburgh), Dr. W. N. BOOG WATSON (Edinburgh).

Friday, July 24.—2.30 p.m. University West Lecture Theatre. Psychoses in Infancy and Childhood, Dr. W. A. HAWKE (Toronto), Dr. MILDRED POTT (London), Dr. F. H. STONE (Glasgow), Dr. KENNETH CAMERON (London). The Dawson Williams Lecture, Mr. DENIS BROWNE (London).

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Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. University Biochemistry Lecture Room. Cutaneous Porphyria, Dr. A. LYALL (Aberdeen), Dr. GUNTER HOLTI (Birmingham), discussion to be opened by Dr. R. R. FORSEY (Montreal). The Local Use of Hydrocortisone Acetate in Dermatological Practice, Dr. G. CRAIG (Montreal). Cutaneous Manifestations of Reiter's Disease, Dr. R. C. SMITH (Toronto).

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Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 2nd Floor. The Ageing Population and the Community, opening remarks by Dr. JACK MCKENTY. The Early Diagnosis of Hypertension in General Practice, Dr. H. GIBSON HALL (Toronto). Geriatrics in the Setting of General Practice, speaker to be announced later. The Evaluation of the Physical, Psychological, Social, and Economic Factors in the Patient's Illness, Dr. C. J. HOUSTON (Yorkton, Saskatchewan); Dr. RICHARD SCOTT (Edinburgh), Dr. IAN GRANT (Glasgow).

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Tuesday, July 21.—Hall of the Royal Medical Society. Programme to be announced later.

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Friday, July 24.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 3rd Floor. The Results of Medical Treatment of Epilepsy, Dr. FRANCIS MCNAUGHTON (Montreal), Dr. JOHN SIMPSON (Edinburgh), Dr. DENIS WILLIAMS (London). The Surgical Treatment of Parkinsonism, Mr. F. J. GILLINGHAM (Edinburgh), Dr. CLAUDE BERTRAND (Montreal), Dr. MACDONALD CRITCHLEY (London). Tissue Reaction (Allergy) in the Nervous System. Dr. HENRY MILLER (Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. ALLAN BAILEY (Saskatoon), Dr. JOHN STANTON (Edinburgh). Modern Experience with Bacterial Meningitis, Dr. H. H. HYLAND (Toronto), Dr. THOMAS MORLEY (Toronto).

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Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. King's Buildings Chemistry Lecture Room. A Morbidity Study in an Active Working Population, Dr. G. A. SINCLAIR (Toronto). The Place of the General Practitioner or Family Doctor in Industrial Health, Lord TAYLOR (Harlow). Control of Occupational Dermatitis in an Aircraft Industry, Dr. GIBSON E. CRAIG (Montreal). The Role of the Industrial Medical Officer in the Education of Management and the Workers in Health and Safety, Dr. IAN RICHARDSON (Aberdeen). The Role of the Doctor in Vocational Guidance, Dr. M. E. M. HERFORD (Slough). A.T.S. Reactions and Their Effect upon Passive Immunity, Dr. L. J. MAHONEY (Toronto). The Allocation of Time in Planning the Duties of the Industrial Medical Officer between Clinical and Environmental Work, Dr. T. O. GARLAND (London). Readjustment in Industry of the Worker with Heart Disease, Dr. H. N. SEGALL (Montreal).

SECTION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

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Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. Adam House Theatre. Modern Treatments of Detachments of the Retina, Mr. L. G. FISON (London). Differential Diagnosis of Vitreous Haemorrhage, with Special Reference to the Treatment of Eale's Disease, Dr. A. J. ELLIOT (Toronto). Displacements of the Orbital Floor and Traumatic Diplopia, Dr. ROSS TILLEY (Toronto), Mr. T. KEITH LYLE (London).

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Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21 and 22.—2.30 p.m. Adam House Theatre. Neurological and Vascular Factors in Upper Limb Dysfunction, Dr. W. S. WATSON (Edinburgh), Dr. C. C. BURT (Edinburgh). Tumours of the Hand, Mr. GRAHAM STACK (Brentwood). Treatment of Hip Conditions in Cerebral Palsy, Dr. DOUGLAS LAMB (Edinburgh). Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Mr. KARL NISSEN (London). Papers on Abduction Treatment of Legg-Perthes Disease, The Gallie Ankle Fusion, Fractures of the Os Calcis, and Injuries to the Articular Disk at the Wrist, speakers to be announced later. *Panel Discussion:* Healing of Fractures.

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Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. Adam House Theatre. Dysphagia, Dr. D. B. KELLY (Glasgow). Facial Pain, Mr. DAVID MIDDLETON (Edinburgh), Mr. KENNETH HARRISON (Manchester). Twenty-one Years' Experience of Surgery for Otosclerosis, Dr. JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN (Toronto). Methods of Shrinking the Inferior Turbinate, Dr. G. E. TREMBLE (Montreal). Carcinoma of the Larynx, Dr. FERNAND MONTREUIL (Montreal).

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Hon. Secretaries: J. H. BOWIE, M.B., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Edinburgh); W. H. H. MERIVALE, M.B., M.R.C.P. (London).

Tuesday, July 21.—University New Buildings, West Lecture Hall. Staphylococcal Infections in the Home and Hospital, Dr. HUGH STARKEY (Montreal), Dr. DONALD CRUIKSHANK (Edinburgh), Dr. J. SMITH GARDNER (Calgary, Alberta), Dr. K. S. MACLEAN (London), Professor JOHN W. MACGREGOR (Edmonton, Alberta), Professor ROBERT CRUICKSHANK (Edinburgh).

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Hon. Secretaries: A. D. R. BATCHELOR, F.R.C.S.Ed. (Edinburgh); L. M. ROUILLARD, F.R.C.S.Ed. (Norwich).

Friday, July 24.—2.30 p.m. Adam House Theatre. The Problems of Acute Skin Destruction, Mr. J. KIRK (Edinburgh), Dr. HOYLE CAMPBELL (Toronto), Dr. JOHN GERRIE (Montreal). Maxillofacial Injuries in Childhood, Dr. W. D. MACLENNAN (Edinburgh), Dr. HOYLE CAMPBELL (Toronto), Dr. JOHN GERRIE (Montreal). Oedema, Professor J. B. KINMONTH (London), Mr. J. S. TOUGH (Glasgow). A New Approach to the Operation for Dupuytren's Contracture, Dr. R. LANGSTON (Vancouver).

SECTION OF PREVENTIVE AND SOCIAL MEDICINE

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Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. University West Lecture Room. The Aftercare of the Hospital Patient, Professor T. FERGUSON (Glasgow), Professor A. MAIR (St. Andrews), Dr. I. RICHARDSON (Aberdeen), Professor J. H. F. BROTHERSTON (Edinburgh)

Wednesday, July 22.—2.30 p.m. University West Lecture Theatre. A Study of the Comparative Mortality Index as Applied to Cancer Mortality in Canada, Professor JOHN WYLLIE (Kingston, Ontario). Canadian Experience in the Prevention of Communicable Disease Through Immunization Programmes, Professor R. J. WILSON (Toronto). Some Observations on the Applied Epidemiology of Tuberculosis, Dr. JOHN NELSON (British Columbia). Observations on the Canadian Sickness Survey, speaker to be announced later.

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Tuesday, July 21.—2.30 p.m. Adam House, 1st Floor. Psychological Crises in Family Life, Dr. H. V. DICKS (London), Dr. G. E. HOBBS (London, Ontario). Brief Methods of Psychotherapy, Dr. STAFFORD CLARK (London), Professor D. MCKERRACHER (Saskatoon). The Person and the Family in Medical Education, Professor G. R. HARGREAVES (Leeds), Professor A. B. STOKES (Toronto).

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Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. Western General Hospital Theatre. Supervoltage Radiotherapy in the Treatment of Malignant Disease: (1) Cobalt-60 in the Treatment of Malignant Disease, speaker to be announced later. (2) The Linear Accelerator in the Treatment of Malignant Disease, Dr. RALSTON PATERSON (Manchester); (3) Cobalt-60 in the Treatment of Malignant Disease in a Selected Site, speaker to be announced later. (4) The Linear Accelerator in the Treatment of Malignant Disease in a Selected Site, Professor B. WINDEYER (London).

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Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. University West Lecture Theatre. *Symposium* on the Polyarthritic Syndrome: chairman, Dr. W. S. C. COPEMAN (London). (1) Acute Polyarthritis, Professor E. G. L. BYWATERS (London); (2) Chronic Polyarthritis, Professor J. H. KELLGREN (Manchester); (3) Spondylitis, Dr. D. C. GRAHAM (Toronto); (4) Soft-tissue Rheumatism, Dr. SIMON DWORKIN (Montreal). *Occasional Papers:* chairman, Dr. JOHN WOODBURY (Halifax, N.S.). (1) Rehabilitation of the Arthritic Patient, Dr. JOHN S. CRAWFORD (Toronto); (2) The Problem of Painful Feet, Dr. F. P. DEWAR (Toronto); (3) Diagnostic Problems in a Rheumatism Clinic, Dr. R. J. G. SINCLAIR (Edinburgh); (4) Current Views on Gout and its Treatment, Dr. G. D. KERSLEY (Bath); (5) Laboratory Tests and Prognosis in Rheumatoid Arthritis, Dr. A. G. S. HILL (Stoke Mandeville).

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Thursday, July 23.—2.30 p.m. Surgeons' Hall. Anaemia in the Tropics, with special reference to Abnormal Haemoglobins: Anaemia in the Tropics, Dr. R. H. GIRDWOOD (Edinburgh); The General Problem of Abnormal Haemoglobins, Professor A. W. WOODRUFF (London); The Nomenclature and Diagnosis of Abnormal Haemoglobins, Dr. H. LEHMANN (London); Clinical Aspects of Abnormal Haemoglobins, Dr. A. B. RAPER (Kampala, Uganda); Chronic Sickle-cell Anaemia, Professor G. M. EDINGTON (Ibadan, Nigeria).

Friday, July 24.—2.30 p.m. Surgeons' Hall. The Importance of Tropical Diseases Occurring Outside the Tropics: Malaria, Professor B. G. MAEGRAITH (Liverpool); Amoebiasis, Sir GEORGE R. MCROBERT (London); Filariasis, Professor W. E. KERSHAW (Liverpool); Intestinal Helminths, Dr. F. J. WRIGHT (Edinburgh).

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Monday, July 20.—2.30 p.m. Western General Hospital. Calcium Metabolism in Renal Calculi, Dr. J. BALFOUR (Vancouver). The Classification of Testicular Tumours, Dr. R. C. B. PUGH (London). Percutaneous Needle Biopsy of the Kidney, Dr. G. N. RANKING (Toronto). Experiences with Supervoltage *X*-ray Therapy for the Treatment of Bladder Tumours, Mr. DAVID BAND (Edinburgh). Prognosis in Genito-urinary Tuberculosis, Dr. W. H. KERR (Toronto); Dr. G. GALE (Toronto).

ASSISTANTS AND YOUNG PRACTITIONERS SUBCOMMITTEE

EVIDENCE TO ROYAL COMMISSION CRITICIZED

A motion expressing complete dissatisfaction with the evidence relating to assistantships and entry into practice given by the British Medical Association to the Royal Commission was carried by the Assistants and Young Practitioners Subcommittee of the General Medical Services Committee at its meeting on November 28. Dr. F. G. TOMLINS was in the chair.

In the course of the debate, which arose out of a discussion on the Association's preliminary memorandum of evidence (*Supplement*, November 23, 1957, p. 157) and the fourth supplementary memorandum of evidence (*Supplement*, November 15, p. 201), the CHAIRMAN explained that, although the subcommittee had not been consulted about the preparation of either document, he, as its chairman, had been invited by the Royal Commission Evidence Subcommittee of the G.M.S. Committee to attend its July meeting, but had, unfortunately, been unable to do so.

Dr. R. E. HANCOCK said he did not regard the preliminary memorandum as evidence but as a "statement" amounting to a complete defence of principals in general practice. Dr. J. L. WILLIAMS described the fourth memorandum as a defence of the evidence given at the oral hearing (*Supplement*, February 1, p. 39), particularly of that given on assistants' salaries; as such, it was very inadequate.

Dr. W. HUGHES thought that the oral evidence failed to establish that Spens was being implemented in respect of assistants. The figure of £1,245 gross, which the fourth memorandum quoted as the average yearly salary offered to assistants, would be consistent with the Spens recommendations; but he understood that, in the Sheffield area at any rate, the common figure lay between £1,050 and £1,100. Dr. E. F. D. GAWNE asked that a short questionary should be sent out to those on the subcommittee's electoral roll seeking more facts from assistants about their salaries and hours and conditions of work. Dr. D. M. CRUICKSHANK said that the figures quoted in the evidence seemed to be ludicrously high.

Dr. F. GRAY said that the figure of £1,245 stated in the memorandum related to the London area and did not pretend to do otherwise. He had explained to the Evidence Committee how he had arrived at the figure and it had accepted it as accurate.

After further discussion the resolution referred to was passed. It was decided to appoint a special subcommittee, consisting of Drs. Tomlins, R. T. Jones, and Hancock, to produce a memorandum of additional information before the next meeting.

Procedure for Appeal

The CHAIRMAN announced that the suggested procedure for appeal by the subcommittee direct to the Council, in certain circumstances, had been approved by the latter body, following the recommendation of the Organization Committee, to whom the subcommittee's request for the grant of this right had been referred. He said it was a right which ought to be used with considerable discretion. It would not do any good if invoked frivolously; on the other hand, it could be a most valuable thing when employed in the right circumstances.

Calculation of Central Pool

The subcommittee considered that there was no objection to general disclosure of the information contained in a memorandum prepared by Dr. Davies for the G.M.S. Committee on the method of calculation of the Central Pool. It was felt, however, that if it was to be communicated to every general practitioner on the list it ought to be in a more popular form and be sent to assistants as well as to principals. To save the expense of sending out the original document to everyone, it was urged that it should be available at Headquarters for any doctor who was genuinely interested in it.

Elections to Subcommittee

The subcommittee then discussed a letter received from Dr. D. B. Hawkins (Romford) suggesting that more information about candidates for election to the subcommittee should be given on the voting papers.

The CHAIRMAN said it looked as though Dr. Hawkins wanted a sort of electoral address sent out. The question of expense then arose. Dr. GRAY explained that in elections to the Council of the Association a description of qualifications limited to 20 words was sent out free. Dr. GAWNE thought that the voting papers should state when the candidate qualified, from what hospital, how many years he had been a trainee or assistant in general practice, and how many years' experience he had.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that, for the time being, the principle of 20 words should be accepted but that the subcommittee should recommend that a note should be incorporated in the preliminary notice to candidates, which was sent to the *Journal*, explaining the nature of the procedure required; that the office should then be asked for information on the amount it would cost the candidate to send out an electoral address of, say, one foolscap sheet.

Entry into Practice

Following a suggestion by Dr. WILLIAMS that unestablished principals should be asked to collect some information on entry into general practice, the CHAIRMAN suggested that members might send in their ideas for a suitable proforma which unestablished principals could be asked to complete.

Dr. GRAY, however, pointed out the danger of duplicating some of the information on the subject which the Royal Commission was collecting. He suggested that the Association be asked to request the Royal Commission to make the information it received known in advance so that the Association's representatives could consider it before giving further evidence.

The subcommittee agreed to inquire into the feasibility of Dr. GRAY's suggestion and to consider further action at the next meeting.

Membership of Subcommittee

A report was received that Dr. W. MORGAN EVANS had resigned from the G.M.S. Committee and that Dr. C. M. SCOTT had been appointed by that committee to serve on the subcommittee in Dr. Evans's place.

It was decided to recommend to the G.M.S. Committee that the holder of the office of chairman for the time being of the Junior Members' Forum should be invited to be an *ex officio* member of the subcommittee.

It was agreed that the gross figure of £1,650 should, as a temporary measure and without prejudice to its further consideration, be proposed as a reasonable income limit to apply to unestablished practitioners in determining the subcommittee's electorate.

The subcommittee appointed Dr. HUGHES as deputy to Dr. HANCOCK as representative of assistants on the G.M.S Committee.

The CHAIRMAN announced that he had accepted an invitation to become a member of the Medical Services Review Committee (*Journal*, December 6, p. 1401). He felt that the invitation was a compliment to the subcommittee.

FEES AND MILEAGE

Emigrants to Australia

The B.M.A.'s Private Practice Committee has negotiated the following fees for examinations of assisted-passage emigrants to Australia with effect from January 1, 1959.

(1) For each person 16 years and over and any unaccompanied child: not exceeding £2 2s. sterling; (2) for each child examined at the same time as its parents: not exceeding 15s. sterling.

At present the maximum fees for such examinations are £1 1s. and 7s. 6d. respectively.

Mileage and National Service Medical Boards

Also as a result of representations by the Private Practice Committee the Ministry of Labour and National Service has agreed that chairmen and members of National Service medical boards may claim mileage allowance in respect of two return journeys made on the same day, provided that:

(1) the doctor attends two sessions of a medical board on the same day and there is an interval of more than two hours between the sessions; (2) during the interval the doctor returns home to attend to his practice; (3) the interval between the two sessions be defined as the period beginning when the last man is dealt with by the chairman at the first session until the scheduled commencement of the second session; and (4) the mileage allowance in respect of the second return journey be subject to the usual rate per mile and to a maximum of 16s.

This new arrangement came into operation on November 3.

COMPOSITION OF MILK

The Association has submitted evidence to a Committee on the Composition of Milk which has been set up by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food with the following terms of reference:

To consider the composition of milk sold off farms in the United Kingdom from the standpoint both of human nutrition and animal husbandry, and to recommend any legislative or other changes that may be desirable.

The Food Subcommittee of the Association's Public Health Committee has decided to submit no observations upon draft regulations relating to skimmed milk with added fat which the Minister proposes to make jointly with the Minister of Health under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The Public Health Committee (Scotland) has considered a corresponding proposal from the Secretary of State for Scotland, and has decided to submit no observations.

Sealed Churns

The Food Subcommittee of the Public Health Committee has also considered a proposal from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to withdraw the requirement that churns of raw milk, consigned under the designation T.T., should be sealed, and has informed the Ministry that it cannot support the proposal.

The Lord Chancellor's Office has agreed that fees for part-time members of pensions appeals tribunals should be 10 guineas for full-days' sittings and 5 guineas for half a day.

Scottish News

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Previously known as the General Medical Services Subcommittee (Scotland) the General Medical Services Committee (Scotland), as it is now named, met at Edinburgh on November 27, with Dr. C. HARROWER in the chair. The CHAIRMAN gave a report of the views of the General Medical Services Committee on the Government's further interim increase of 4% in the basic remuneration of doctors and of the Committee's decision to appoint a working party to discuss with the Ministry of Health the distribution of the new money (*Supplement*, December 6, p. 239).

Change of Address

The Committee was told that, as a result of discussions with representatives of the Department of Health, executive councils were now acting on the information they received from completed forms E.C.1(c). It regarded this as satisfactory and as one step towards correcting inflation. It was agreed to send a circular to local medical committees asking them to encourage doctors to complete these forms as a method of keeping lists up to date.

Diagnostic Facilities in Glasgow

The Chairman reported that the representations which had been made to the Department on the inadequacy of the facilities directly available to general practitioners in Glasgow for laboratory and radiological examinations were the subject of discussion at a recent meeting with the Department. The Committee hoped that a satisfactory solution might be forthcoming in the not-too-distant future

Air Ambulance Service

The Committee considered a draft circular from the Department about the Air Ambulance Service and with particular reference to the use of helicopters. It recorded its thanks to those who were concerned in the arrangements for the operation of the Air Ambulance Service and agreed that the proposals seemed to be very satisfactory.

Dental Services in Remote Areas

Representations from the Highlands and Islands Practitioners' Subcommittee about the difficulties in obtaining dental services in the remote parts of Scotland were considered. While appreciating the general shortage of dentists, the Committee felt that the special problem of patients in the Highlands and Islands areas in Scotland merited consideration, and it was agreed that Dr. C. J. Swanson and Dr. J. T. McCutcheon should meet representatives of the General Dental Services Committee (Scotland) to discuss the matter and report back.

Personal Medical Record Card

The Committee considered a letter from the Edinburgh Local Medical Committee pointing out the need for a patient's personal medical record card. It was reported that this matter was under consideration centrally, but the Committee felt it was advisable in the meantime to ask the Public Health Committee (Scotland) for its observations on the proposal.

Doctors' Houses in Highlands and Islands

It was reported that representatives of the Highlands and Islands Subcommittee had again discussed with the Department of Health the question of the maintenance of practitioners' houses in the Highlands and Islands and also the question of providing other accommodation in those cases where the house was particularly unsuitable. It was learned that the Department is considering the representations, and it is hoped that in the near future it will submit proposals for the Subcommittee's consideration.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Two meetings of the Public Health Committee (Scotland) have been held in recent weeks. At the first meeting Dr. J. RIDDELL, Midlothian, was reappointed Chairman for the session 1958–9, and Dr. J. KELMAN, Perth, was appointed Vice-chairman.

Dr. I. C. Monro, Lanarkshire, and Dr. J. G. Thomson, Edinburgh, were welcomed by the CHAIRMAN as new members of the Committee.

The Committee appointed Dr. Nora Wattie to represent them on the Maternity Services Committee of the Association's Scottish Council, Dr. B. R. Nisbet to represent them on the G.M.S. Committee (Scotland), and Drs. Riddell, Nisbet, and Kelman to represent them on the National Health Service Review Committee (Scotland).

Medical Referees at Crematoria

The Committee had under consideration the obligations of Medical Officers of Health in Scotland who are asked to become medical referees at crematoria, and a special subcommittee was appointed to examine the position.

Model Dairy By-laws

It was reported that evidence on proposed new by-laws, which was prepared in conjunction with the Scottish Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, had been submitted to the Model Dairy By-laws Committee.

The Committee also considered proposals from the Department of Health for regulations concerning skimmed milk with added fat, and had no observations to make on them.

Road Accidents

A small subcommittee was appointed to consider some aspects of the increasing number of road accidents and in particular the facilities available for dealing with them. The subcommittee consists of two medical officers of health (Dr. J. A. C. Guy and Dr. J. G. Thomson), two medical superintendents (Dr. S. G. M. Francis and Dr. G. H. Scoular), and one general practitioner (Dr. C. J. Swanson).

Correspondence

Because of heavy pressure on our space, correspondents are asked to keep their letters short.

Tax Relief on Defence Society's Subscriptions

SIR,—Prior to the coming into operation of the Finance Act, 1958, a doctor or dentist whose professional remuneration was assessable to income tax under Schedule E (remuneration by salary) was not normally allowed relief for his annual subscription to his defence society. The Commissioners of Inland Revenue have now approved the Medical Defence Union, the Medical Protection Society, and the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland for the purposes of Section 16 of the Finance Act, 1958, and the whole of the annual subscription paid by a member who qualifies for relief under that Section will be allowable as a deduction from his emoluments assessable to income tax under Schedule E. Practitioners assessed under Schedule D already enjoy this concession, but a member of a medical defence society who holds a salaried appointment should apply to his tax office without delay for form P.358 on which to make a claim for adjustment of his "pay as you earn" coding.—We are, etc.,

ROBERT FORBES,
Secretary, Medical Defence Union.
ALISTAIR FRENCH,
Secretary, Medical Protection Society.
C. C. MILLAR,
Secretary, Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland.

London and Glasgow.

Merit Awards for General Practitioners

SIR,—We, the undersigned practitioners, have recently had the feeling from articles in the press that there is a strong move being made behind the scenes to introduce a merit award scheme to general practice. To introduce such a scheme would, in our opinion, be a retrograde step designed to disrupt what unity there is in the profession and would be no remedy for the inadequacy of the present method of payment. Could it be that the Minister, recognizing our dissatisfaction, has decided that the cheapest method of dealing with it would be to "buy off" those of us who are in a position to give a lead? What criterion would be accepted for the award? Length of service, size of list, or the possession of higher degrees is no indication of true merit in practice, and no award based on these would be a substitute for what is really required—payment for work done.

We are afraid that we may waken some morning to discover that a merit award system has been foisted upon us, and, since we believe that such a system would be contrary to the best interests of the profession and to the wishes of the majority, we appeal to all practitioners who agree with us to make their opinion known *now* by letter or at local B.M.A. meetings.—We are, etc.,

W. T. C. ADAMSON.
G. BAIN.
D. B. DONALDSON.
JANE B. LINDSAY.
DAVID MACKIE.
W. M. REID.
CAROLINE ROBERTSON.
ERIC ROBERTSON.

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Partnership in General Practice

SIR,—When Dr. H. Cooper (*Supplement*, November 29, p. 233) offers advice against an accepted method of entry into general practice, one cannot help feeling that he should suggest another practical method to replace it. As it stands, it is difficult to see how his advice of "don't" to a partnership can be taken seriously.

Of the three ways into general practice, two of them (executive council vacancies and putting up one's plate) can accommodate only a proportion of doctors seeking permanent posts. If, as Dr. Cooper says, the assistantship followed by a partnership is inadvisable, how else does one enter practice as a principal? Unless Dr. Cooper has a sensible alternative, I suspect that when the opportunity arises most doctors will disregard his advice, just as many people have disregarded Mr. Punch's concerning matrimony, without regret.—I am, etc.,

DEREK D. GRIFFITHS.

Clive, Shropshire.

Private General Practice

SIR,—Many general practitioners will deeply resent the implications of your annotation entitled "Private General Practice" (*Journal*, November 29, p. 1343). If "some old-fashioned socialists" dislike the idea of family doctoring being dependent on financial privilege they are in good company. The decision to provide a comprehensive general practice service for the whole community was taken by a coalition government of all parties. In 1954 the committee on general practice of the Central Health Services Council, under the chairmanship of Lord Cohen,[1] endorsed this concept and "decided that it is right to regard prescribing as an integral part of general medical services, and therefore does not recommend that doctors be allowed to use National Health Service prescription forms for their private patients." The report was signed by such men as Guy Dain, E. A. Gregg, and W. N. Pickles, men with a lifetime of service in the interests of the family doctor, and therefore cannot be lightly disregarded.

During the first 10 years of the N.H.S. the vast majority of family doctors have sought to give the best available service. We are quite capable of meeting the reasonable demands of busy people among our patients. Most of us have evening surgeries for those who wish to consult us after working hours—a service which no other profession consistently provides. A growing number find no difficulty

in running efficient appointment systems for N.H.S. patients. We may not have Prime Ministers on our list, but who among us has not frequently gone out of his way to suit the convenience of those who serve or entertain the public in humbler capacities? Most of us have few or no private patients. No insurance schemes or the right to N.H.S. prescriptions will bring them to our surgeries. It is true that a significant increase in private practice "will lessen the heavy burden now borne by the State," but it will inevitably result in a reduction of the Central Pool and therefore reduce the remuneration of every general practitioner who has no private patients nor the possibility of getting them. This seems a heavy price to pay for the freedom of the minority to do more private practice.

Moreover, any general impression that we wish to divide family doctoring into first- and second-class compartments would be disastrous to the profession at the present time. Our case to the Royal Commission, the Government, and the public must be that we seek adequate pay and the time and tools to allow us to give a first-class service to all our patients irrespective of income. Many of us will feel that operating such a service, seeing our patients, and prescribing for them without financial considerations will give us a greater sense of freedom than selling our services to the individual patient or his insurance company.—I am, etc.,

London, N.W.5. H. C. FAULKNER.

REFERENCE

[1] Central Health Services Council. Report of the Committee on General Practice Within the National Health Service, 1954. H.M.S.O., London.

Dispensing Capitation Fee

SIR,—The dispensing capitation fee has remained unaltered since 1952. Since that time the final settlement money has risen from a few thousand to nearly five million pounds. The dispensing doctor receives no added share of this staggering amount for his dispensing in spite of his grossly increased drug bills. Similarly the 5% interim award of last year brought no addition to the dispensing capitation fee.

The G.M.S. Committee is committed "to review the position in the light of the discussions which are taking place on the redistribution of the final settlement moneys" (para. 138, Report of the G.M.S. Committee to the Annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 1958). There is so far no sign that it has done this, though a further supplementary payment is due on December 31, 1958. I fear the worst. Is it too much to hope that, when the 4% award is distributed, the G.M.S. Committee will at last do the right thing, the honest thing, by dispensing doctors?—I am, etc.,

Alresford, Hants. JOHN S. HAPPEL.

H.M. Forces

Surgeon Captains T. G. B. Crawford and J. G. Gent, R.N., have been appointed Honorary Physicians to the Queen, in succession to Surgeon Captain C. B. Nicholson, R.N., and Surgeon Rear-Admiral R. L. G. Proctor, C.B., respectively.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. Wood-Smith, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Army Emergency Reserve Decoration.

Lieutenant K. G. Meilish-Oxley, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Rear Admiral R. L. G. Proctor, C.B., has retired.

Surgeon Captain P. B. Jackson has retired.

Surgeon Commander G. L. Hardman has retired.

Surgeon Lieutenant W. B. Wright to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Commander A. F. M. Barron, V.R.D., has retired.

Surgeon Lieutenants C. D. Peters, R. A. J. Baily, J. G. Gill, and P. M. Kinloch to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders.

ARMY

Colonel J. H. Anderson, late R.A.M.C., having attained the age limit for retirement, has retired on retired pay (Reserve Liability).

Colonel M. A Rea, O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., has retired on retired pay (Reserve Liability).

Association Notices

CLAIRE WAND FUND

Travelling Scholarship

The Trustees of the Claire Wand Fund propose to award a Travelling Scholarship to enable a general practitioner to study methods of postgraduate education of general practitioners in Canada and the U.S.A.

The successful applicant must be prepared to spend six to eight weeks in the U.S.A. and Canada, and to attend the Second World Conference on Medical Education in Chicago from August 31 to September 4, 1959, held under the auspices of the World Medical Association, with the theme "Medicine, a Lifelong Study." The Scholarship, of a maximum value of £600, will be paid from the Fund as a contribution towards the expenses of the selected general practitioner, who will be expected to submit a report of his tour to the Trustees.

Applicants should submit full particulars of previous experience and of the research project they propose to the Secretary of the Fund at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than January 31, 1959.

Diary of Central Meetings

DECEMBER

17	Wed.	**Council**, 10 a.m.
18	Thurs.	G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.

JANUARY

7	Wed.	Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 a.m.
8	Thurs.	Assistants and Young Practitioners Subcommittee (G.M.S. Committee), 2 p.m.
15	Thurs.	G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.
20	Tues.	Committee on Drug Addiction, 3 p.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, (1) Tuesday, December 16, 8.30 to 11 p.m., annual Christmas reception and sherry party for members, their ladies, and friends. (2) Thursday, December 18, 8.30 p.m., joint meeting with British Dental Association. Dr. J. L. Hardwick: "The Englishman's Diet Through the Ages."

BRIGHTON AND MID-SUSSEX DIVISION.—At Hotel Metropole, Brighton, Friday, December 19, 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m., annual ball.

CAMBERWELL DIVISION.—Wednesday, December 17, visit to Albion Brewery, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1. Meet at main gate of Brewery, 12.30 p.m., luncheon at 1 p.m.

DARTFORD DIVISION.—At Railway Hotel, Dartford, Wednesday, December 17, 8.30 p.m., social meeting and clinical "quiz."

LANCASTER DIVISION.—At Grosvenor Hotel, Morecambe, Friday, December 19, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., annual medical ball.

NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—At Committee Room, North Middlesex Hospital, Silver Street, Edmonton, N., Tuesday, December 16, 8.45 p.m., paper by Dr. Una C. Ledingham: "Thyrotoxicosis."

OLDHAM DIVISION.—At Oldham Hotel, Rhodes Bank, Oldham, Monday, December 15, 9 p.m., special meeting, followed by ordinary meeting.

RICHMOND DIVISION.—At Watney's Brewery (Reception Room), Mortlake Green, Friday, December 19, 9 p.m., films: "Atrial Septal Defect" (in colour) and "The Doctor Defendant."

STRATFORD DIVISION.—At Board Room, Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, Tuesday, December 16, 9 p.m., special meeting.

SWANSEA DIVISION.—At Langland Bay Hotel, Swansea, Thursday, December 18, dinner, and lecture by Professor A. P. Thomson (president, B.M.A.): "Some Aspects of Medical Education in England."

WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—At Arthur Guinness Son and Co., Ltd., York House, Drury Lane, Westgate, Wakefield, Friday, December 19, 8 p.m., Mr. E. M. Warren: "The Brewing of Stout."

WIGAN DIVISION.—At Lewis's Restaurant, Wallgate, Wigan, Thursday, December 18, 8.15 p.m., Mr. J. G. Gow: "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Renal Tuberculosis."

Dangerous Drugs Act: Withdrawal of Authority

The Home Office announces that Dr. Marcus Gershon Lucas (Shirley, Warwickshire) is no longer authorized to be in possession of or to prescribe those drugs to which the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1953, apply.

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